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OFFICIAL**MESSAGE**~~December 30, 2002~~

April 2, 2003

Attached please find:

- Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and duplicate
- Response to Restriction Requirement

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks is respectfully requested.

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending in the application. Claims 4 and 5 are withdrawn. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 have been rejected as allegedly failing to satisfy various statutory requirements.

New claims 11 and 12 have been added. These claims include limitations to the previously disclosed and exemplified *in vivo* use of the vector.

All rejections and objections have been addressed in the sequence by which they appear in the office action.

Priority

The certified copy of the priority document has been filed separately from this amendment.

Objections

The objections to the claims and the specification have been addressed by amendment.

In brief, the bullets in claim 1 have been replaced with lowercase letters. References to *box-of-bricks* system have been removed and replaced with more clear language by amending the description of the drawings and page 6 of the specification.

The questions raised about Figure 4 have been addressed by the amendment to page 8 of specification.